

REMARKS

Claims 2-9 are pending in the application. Claim 2 is rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of its base claim. Claim 9 is herein amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 2. Claim 1 is cancelled. The dependency of the other claims has been appropriately adjusted.

I. Drawings Objection

The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p) because they do not include cable 32 as described in the specification.

Applicant herein amends the drawings to show the reference numeral for cable 32 in Fig. 6 of the drawings. The drawing change shows only that which was already described in the originally filed application, and thus includes no impermissible new matter. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection to the drawings.

The Examiner objected to the drawings because of informalities. Applicant herein amends "REFERENCE" to --REFERENCE-- in Figure 10 of the drawings. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to also withdraw this objection to the drawings.

II. Claim Objections

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 9 for lack of antecedent basis. Applicant herein amends the claims to correct the informality. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection of claims 2 and 9.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please delete the present Figures 6 and 10 and replace with attached Figures 6 and 10.

Attachments: 2 Replacement Sheets.

III. Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Takayanagi (US 5,289,210). Applicant herein amends claim 9 to include a requirement similar to that found in allowable claim 2.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection of independent claim 9.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claim 2 as being dependent upon a rejected claim but would allow claim 2 if written in independent form. Applicant has so rewritten claim 2 in independent form and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this objection to claim 2, and its newly dependent claims 3-8.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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